

SAYSC Board Meeting

Date: September 10, 2018

Location: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, St. Albans, VT

Time Start: 7:05

Attendees: Stephen, Jessica, Mary, Jeremy, Valdemar

Minutes approved for August. No revisions necessary.

Next meeting: October 1st, 2018 at 7:15

1: Rec Soccer/Use of Hardack/Club Enrollment

Mention of optional practices at Hardack after Rec Soccer is over on October 13th. Field space shouldn't be a problem. Should we send out an email or survey monkey to ask club parents about optional practices? Will discuss next month.

40 kids signed up for the fall, more than the spring season. Influx of new players due to the dissolution of Queen City North River Hawks. Word is spreading. Question about how this will work with Rec soccer if continues to follow the same trajectory of expansion. Many towns end up having the Soccer club take over the rec soccer. How many teams does Jeremy feel comfortable coaching?

We don't have guaranteed field usage from the Rec department, but can use them while there are no other activities happening. We can flatten the fields as long as we pay for this service. The lock for the main gate has been changed, and Jeremy has the combination lock code.

2: Kevin Smith's (Mary)

Mary spoke with Kevin Smith's. Handout regarding information on sports apparel. Only downside, have to order up front. Open the online store for the team, once all expected players have registered and ordered, the store closes. Once the "store" is closed, it takes 3 weeks for uniforms to be made. Uniform packages are approximately \$65 per kit (would need home and away kits), not Adidas. KS is working on pricing for Adidas packages. They would like a bulk order. Store can be reopened after initial printing, but takes a period of time. Club would need a few uniforms on hand for late ordering. Off brands keep the style for a longer period of time, instead of changing (like Adidas does) every 2-3 years. Question of whether we can pick up the uniforms at KS's? Current uniform cost?- Jeremy will calculate and get back to us. KS says you can overprice and keep the overage as fundraiser money. Question of the quality of uniforms of KS's vs. the current quality.

Logo- Put order in before deadline, but soccer.com took a while (ten days) for the second revision and order had to be placed.

Benefit of KS is the amount of personal time that Jeremy has to take with soccer.com to enter orders, distribute, etc.

Overall consensus of the Board is that the current uniforms are good quality and material. Very pleased.

3: Board Participation/Registration

GotSoccer administrator accounts for board members haven't been created yet. Plan to be completed by next meeting.

VSA registration sent to register board members as coaches.

Jeremy will email and ask other parents if anyone wants to participate in board. Questions around maximum number of board members to efficiently make decisions. Possibly 10? Many jobs/roles need to be filled.

4: Finances/Fees

Money is catching up to the registration expenses due to the numbers increasing. Hopeful that numbers will continue to increase and by spring will be in a better situation.

All players for the fall have paid currently with exception of two previous players who hadn't paid for uniforms. Self addressed, stamped envelopes sent in June, then two email sent requesting payment by September 4th. Question of how to accept credit cards, ?using the small square that attaches to the phone.

Given expenses and healthy enrollment onto teams, finances are good. Question of how to set the fees. The all year fee is just below the breakeven point and the seasonal fees are just above the breakeven point.

5: Winter/Spring Registration

Winter and spring registration will open soon. Unknown, specific day/time for winter. Cost is known for spring. Spring might not need specific schedule up front. Question of registration will be Winter then Spring and/or Winter and spring combined. Need to contact Collins Perley to see when courts are available for practice.

6: Board Positions/Planning for change of ownership for Fall 2019

Need to identify Board positions, bylaws, etc in order to change ownership for fall planning.

Different Roles/jobs that need to be completed (partially chronological?)

What will be offered to the players and which players? Games only? Practice and Games? Which age groups? Which fields are available and what times? Coaching assignments will be in the bylaws. When will the seasons start and end? Registration charge? All year option? Regular registration? Early registration? Hard cut off for registration? Currently, late registrations are difficult and time consuming.

Above is registrar?

Uniforms- Deadlines, cost, surplus uniforms on hand, can players swap, extra apparel(bags, sweatshirts, hats, etc), logos (home and away)

The task of sending out emails to announce that registration is open. When are they sent. How many are sent. Advertisement. Facebook? Twitter? Yard signs, look, location. Do we need more. Flyers, printing and distribution. Contacting principals to distribute flyers. Reaching out to other rec departments to advertise.

Question of name change to draw more players from other cities. Already drawing kids from adjacent towns. Probably not an issue.

Collecting payments, credit card payments? Deciding scholarships? Accepting scholarships and applications.

Maintaining website.

Soliciting coach interest and volunteer interest. Coach application? Parents or larger community. Handling applications that come in, answers questions, etc. What does a coach need for training? What will be the minimum? Other clubs vary widely depending on what is available and the opinions of the board. Background checks? Collecting coach assessments of players to go hand in hand with tryout scores.

Closing registration and handling late sign ups.

Proposing teams. What teams are formed based on who has signed up? Eventually, running try outs. (skipping back to June or July). Proposing rosters based on history, genders, etc.

Board discusses if they agree with team placements. What gets chosen first? Coaches or teams? Question of how teams will be divided ("A" vs. "B")? Distributing that info to the players (postcard or email from coach or someone else?).

Side note: Different brackets, chosen by the clubs. Division 1, 2, 3 through VSA.

Who is the primary contact? Coach as primary contact and distributes info from the board? Or comes from different board members?

Getting fields ready for use, setting them up, lining them (very time consuming....takes days), field lay out, field map and publishing to GotSoccer (sent out to other teams when they come to play us). Need to come up with the dimensions of the field. US soccer gives ranges for different ages.

Maintaining equipment, goals, nets, corner flags, stakes for goals, sandbags, can goals be moved, inventory (soccerballs, scrimmage vests, discs) Distribution of equipment and collecting them at the end of the season. Does equipment need to be replaced? Keeper gloves and jerseys, player benches, ice packs, med kits

Rules for coaches around lightning, weather, schedules (do they set them or do they get dictated?). Giant list of stuff to tell coaches, tournaments, referees, complaints, players, rules for parents.

Vice president role- what's the role? Checking on background check, misconduct complaints, safety issues? Disciplinary issues.

Players need headshots and birth certificates uploaded to the website. Background checks and make sure people pass. Distributing player passes.

Educating coaches on how GotSoccer works.

Kids who are interested in refereeing and how to register them for that. Cut off for age is 12? But younger kids can referee scrimmages, etc.

Scheduling games for spring. One person with scheduling access schedules in getsoccer. Handling away game change request. Can be fined \$200 if forfeit a game, so needs to be resolved when there is a scheduling conflict.

Adjourned: 9:05pm

Next Steps:

Mary- Follow up with KS and provide feedback

Jess- Finish and email minutes

Bylaws..... Look for template

Jeremy-Calculate current cost of Uniforms

Jeremy-GotSoccer accts for board members

?-Contact Collins Perley to see when courts are available for Winter practice

Topics for Next Meeting:

~Optional practices for remainder of Fall season.